

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
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**GENERAL LUCIUS D. CLAY MEMORIAL PARKWAY — DESIGNATED.**

No. 12 (Senate Resolution No. 158).

**A RESOLUTION**

Designating the Lucius D. Clay Memorial Parkway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, General Lucius DuBignon Clay was born in Marietta, Georgia, on April 23, 1897, the son of Georgia's distinguished United States Senator Alexander Stephens Clay; and

WHEREAS, Lucius D. Clay entered the United States Military Academy in 1915, graduated three years later, and was immediately promoted to the rank of Captain in the Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, General Lucius D. Clay served his nation during World War I and World War II, where he developed a reputation as a man who could bring order out of chaos and one who could get things done, often where others had failed; and

WHEREAS, during his brilliant military career, he served as a member of General Douglas MacArthur's staff in the Philippines; he organized and directed the first national defense program of airport construction, for which he received the Legion of Merit and a promotion to brigadier general; he was appointed Director of Materiel, Army Service Forces, where he was responsible for production and procurement programs supporting the troops in the field, earning the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Service Medal; at the end of World War II, he was called to Germany to serve as deputy for civil affairs under General Eisenhower, for which he earned an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Distinguished Service Medal, promotion to full general, and appointment as military governor of Germany and commander of the United States Armed Forces in Europe; upon his return to the United States, he was given a well-deserved hero's welcome of a ticker-tape parade, an appearance before a joint session of Congress, and the second Oak Leaf Cluster; and

WHEREAS, at the youthful age of 52, General Lucius D. Clay retired from the army and began an extremely successful business career, elected chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Continental Can Company which under his extraordinary leadership grew to a multibillion dollar business prior to his retirement at age 65; and

WHEREAS, unwilling to rest on his laurels, General Clay continued to be active in the business world as a senior partner in the investment banking house of Lehman Brothers, acted as adviser to Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy on foreign affairs, served as Chairman of the National Finance Committee of the Republican Party, and continued to be a respected and admired business and civic leader to his final days; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished Senator from the 37th District of Georgia, which encompasses Marietta, Georgia, the birthplace of General Lucius D. Clay, is Charles C. Clay, the grandson of this truly remarkable man; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to recognize the truly outstanding service of this genuine American hero and native son of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body do commend General Lucius D. Clay for a lifetime of dedicated service to his nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of South Cobb Drive from the Atlanta Road Bridge going past Lockheed and ending at the intersection with Interstate 75 at Delk Road be known as the General Lucius D. Clay Memorial Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers so designating said parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective on September 1, 1993.

**Approval Date:** Approved April 13, 1993.